



Dueling Drawings

Picture perfect! Or is it?

TIME

10-20 minutes



MATERIALS

Paper, pens

TEAM STAGE

Storming, Norming, Performing

SUMMARY

Work with a partner to create a full and complete picture.

SET UP

- Break participants into pairs.
- Have each pair find a spot around the room to sit next to each other.
- Give each pair a piece of paper and two pens.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Tell participants that from this point forward there should be no talking.
- Instruct everyone to think of something that they want to draw on their piece of paper. Each partner should independently decide on something they are going to try to draw and refrain from revealing what they have chosen.
- Tell the group that the goal of this activity is to draw their picture fully and completely in collaboration with their partner. The participants will not know what their partner is trying to draw.
- Share the three rules for this activity:
 - No talking.
 - You can only make one drawing motion per turn. A drawing motion is described as a line, stop, or cross.
 - **Line:** The line can be straight or curved but cannot contain an angle or sharp turn. For example, a circle could be made with one line but a triangle could not.
 - **Stop:** The drawing motion must be continuous. The pen cannot be picked up and put back down or stopped and resumed.
 - **Cross:** No line can cross over another line. Once the pen comes in contact with another line, the drawing motion must stop.
- The paper with the drawing must be passed to the other participant after each turn.
- Set a time limit of about three minutes. After that time has passed, have all participants stop drawing.
- Give everyone a minute or two after the activity to talk about their drawings.

Allowed	Not Allowed

VARIATIONS

- For a fast paced alternative to this activity, try the [Drawing Game](#).



VARIATIONS *(continued)*

- To make this activity more challenging, have participants form groups of three or four instead of pairs.
-  **Online:** To facilitate this activity virtually, use a shared document with a slide for each pair. Have participants use the pen tool to contribute to their drawing. [\[click here for video\]](#)

DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

- What:
 - How do you feel about the outcome of your drawing?
 - What was the collaboration with you and your partner like?
 - So What:
 - What are some of the challenges of working with someone who has a different goal than you?
 - How does communication, or the lack of communication, effect collaboration?
 - Now What:
 - Name some ways you can work with people who have different goals than you do.
 - What can you do to ensure that all goals are acknowledged when working collaboratively?
-  **Facilitator Note:** These questions can be used to guide your debrief, however, pick the questions that best match your group's experience and add or change questions as needed.